

Teams compete at championships

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Lady Blue Lancers

The Lady Blue Lancers beat London Central in the United Kingdom Championship Tournament Feb. 16 earning a berth in the Central European Championships held Feb. 20, 21 and Saturday at Mannheim, Germany. The Lancers were seeded last in Europe but did win one consolation game. Shamika Hall played with a lot of heart scoring 90 percent of Blue's points and grabbing almost all their rebounds.

Boy Red Lancers

The Lakenheath Red Lancers were seeded eighth in the European championships despite their 14 - 2 record. Their first game was against the Bad Kreuznach Bearkats, a German Region qualifier and one of the best teams in the tournament. The Red Lancers won 76 - 66. Otis Anderson, Richard Wiekart, Dan Haire and Gary Webb played well after the 17-hour bus trip. They scored the majority of the team's points.

In their second game of the day, the Lancers played at 8 p.m. against the No. 1 seed, Heidelberg Lions - Germany's undefeated 16-0 Division I champions. The Lions were physically huge. Undaunted, the Lancers played fantastic and were ahead most of the game behind terrific performances by Anderson and Chris Mazowieski, known as Majic. Majic controlled the pace of the game as point guard and his jump shot was deadly. Anderson and Weikart shut down the big guys in the middle and Anderson pumped the crowd with two consecutive dunks. Webb had seven steals against the Lions point guard. But the Lions were persistent and displayed the character of champions. They shut down Lancer ace Detrick Bush, Red's leading rebounder and scorer. He was three of 17 from the field. At the buzzer, the Lancers lost by five but they had earned the respect of the crowd and German teams.

The Lancers played the next morning, eight hours after the loss to Heidelberg. To complicate the schedule, the bus drivers became lost for two hours traveling back to the hotel. Six hours later, Red was beaten. Weikart, Webb, Majic and Haire played hard in defeat. DeShawn Campbell and Joey Barton, two freshman, also turned in exceptional performances. The entire team participated in a victory in the final game.

Nine members of the team are moving

with their parents before next season but three of the starting five will return. The tournament marked the end of a highly successful and memorable season for the Lakenheath Boy Red Lancers.

Lady Red Lancers finish fourth

The Lady Red Lancers played determined ball but ended in fourth place in the championships.

They endured an onslaught in their first game by Mannheim and found themselves down at one time by 20 points as the German teams played very physical. However, Coach John Hedberg was able to focus intrepid point guard Nikki Brown and feed the Lancers inside strength

Keara Keller. Lisa Webb also made some critical jump shots at the end of the game to put the Lancers on top. She also brought the ball down court in place of Brown to get it to Keller.

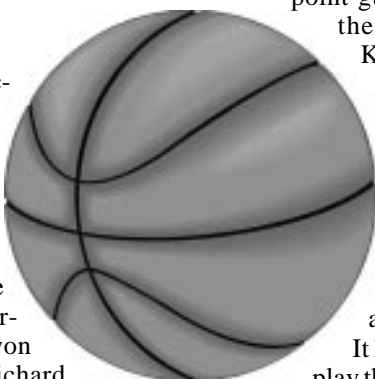
The Lancers second game was in the semifinals against the Ramstein Royals. It looked like Red was going to

play the Kaiserslautern Raiders for the European championship the next day as Stephanie Prochaska and Amber Brock played solid defense and Keller lived inside. Keller and Webb almost won the game with a flurry at the end but Red came up one point short.

In the game for third place, Red played the Wurzburg Wolves. Red kept the Wolves at bay and were up 10 points with four minutes left in the game. Keller dominated inside and had 28 points and 18 rebounds. Webb had eight points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists. But disaster struck the Lady Reds and in less than a minute Ramstein capitalized on Brown's attempt to run and scored 12 fast-break points of their own to gain the lead and never look back. Coach Hedberg knew Reds strength was its size and managed to avoid the running game the entire season but now fell victim to it's fury.

The Lady Red Lancers placed better than any other Lakenheath team in the Central European Basketball Championships in the history of the school. Keara Keller was deservedly named All Tournament to cap off a great season.

"The Lancers did great and displayed impressive sportsmanship," said Pete Resnick, athletic director. "We're especially grateful to the base for supporting the Lancers hoop-a-thons and the cheerleaders cart-wheel-a-thons. Without their help it would have been too expensive for many of the kids to go to Germany. We did well. It was a terrific end to a terrific season."



Intramural standings

Standings as of Tuesday

Intramural bowling

Monday-Wednesday-Friday division

Team	W	L	PINS
EMS 2	120	56	48455
HOSPITAL	106	70	52915
EMS/AGE	104	72	44712
MSS 1	102	74	48045
SPS	100	76	44856
MSS 2	96	80	42407
OSS	83	93	43945
CES	82	94	44838
DENTAL	82	94	44012
492FS	79	97	44637
CRS/PROPS	77	99	43168
DECA 2000	76	100	38804
494FS	67	109	40965
POL	56	120	46315

Sports Shorts

Skating lesson coming

People can register for skating lessons through March 16 at the skating rink. Courses include beginner, intermediate and advanced I and II. Each course consists of six half-hour lessons. Cost is \$30 or \$36 and includes six \$1-off admission coupons. For more information, call Ext. 1627.

Basketball championships

The fitness and sports center sponsors the United Kingdom Sports Conference women's basketball championships this weekend. The championship determines which team represents the United Kingdom at the USAFE championships March 11 - 16. For more information, call Ext. 3249.

Family Fun Day

The skating rink sponsors a Family Fun Day from 2 - 6 p.m. March 8. Adults receive free admission with paid children's admission. For more information, call Ext. 1627.

Golf package

The golf course offers a beginner package. The package includes three golf lessons, three rounds of golf, 10 range tokens, three rounds club rental and \$25 off a set of clubs. Call Ext. 2223 for more information.

Varsity coaches selection

The fitness and sports center needs varsity coaches for men's and women's softball, volleyball, soccer and track-and-field. Individuals can complete an application at the center. Call SSgt. Chris Rogers at Ext. 3607 for more information.

Liberty Lanes' 30-game offer

Liberty Lanes offers a "Winter Wonderful" 30-game punch card for \$25. The cards are valid until March 31 and may be used any time. Call Ext. 2108 for details.